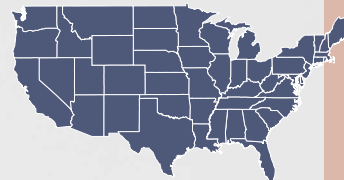


Rights of Way

Rent Update Notification



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Dear Right-of-Way Holder:

The purpose of this mailing is to inform you of what to expect for linear rights-of-way rental payments due for calendar years 2016 through 2025 and where to obtain additional information. In October 2008 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published certain regulations (43 CFR Parts 2800 and 2880) in response to Section 367 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. These regulations took effect on December 1, 2008 (73 FR 65040), and revised the per-acre rental fee zone value schedule by state, county, and type of linear rights-of-way to reflect current values of land in each zone. The BLM regulations required the agency to review the 2012 National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) census data and, as appropriate, to revise the number of county zones and the per-acre zone values.

The BLM has completed its review of the 2012 NASS census data and has revised the linear rent schedule for rights-of-way. Revisions to the per-acre rent schedule are based on four factors: per-acre zone value, encumbrance factor, rate of return, and annual adjustment factor.

BLM records show you as a right-of-way holder for a linear facility that may be subject to periodic rental payments. Please note the following:

- The revised rent schedule will not affect rent due for calendar year 2015.
- The number of rental zones and values were adjusted to accommodate 100 percent of county per-acre land and building values.
- The annual index factor increased by 2.1 percent and is based on the average IPD-GDP from 2004 to 2013. Consequently, the per-acre rental schedule will increase by 2.1 percent each year through 2025.
- Some county zone designations have changed in the 2016–2025 rental schedule, and this may affect the rent amount due.
- The BLM will assume that the holder prefers the minimum allowable rental payment period, either annual (if annual rent is greater than \$100 for an individual or greater than \$500 for a non-individual) or 10-year periods (if annual rent is \$100 or less for an individual or \$500 or less for a non-individual).
- In lieu of the minimum rent payment periods, holders may pay at 10-year intervals not to exceed the term of the grant. However, to do so,



holders must notify, in writing, the BLM field office that issues the bills (e-mail notification is acceptable). This notification must occur at least 3 months before the bill due date.

The following documents have been posted to the BLM's Internet site www.blm.gov/lr2000/rent.htm to assist holders in managing their rental bills for 2016 through 2025:

- The linear rent schedule for calendar years 2016–2025
- A list of counties (and other geographical areas) with their assigned per-acre zone value for calendar years 2016–2025 (based on 2012 NASS census data)
- A detailed letter to holders explaining these changes and holder options for managing rental bills due for 2016 through 2025

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Fusilier, BLM Rights-of-Way Branch Chief, at (202) 912-7148 or sfusilie@blm.gov.

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